



BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SELECTED TO BECOME ENSIGN

By JO1 (SW) Robert W. Garnand



Information Systems Technician Chief Taylor Forester stands watch as Communications Watch Officer in Joint Network Operations center. (Photo by JO1 (SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

Information Systems Technician Chief Petty Officer Taylor Rey Forester was recently selected to be commissioned an Ensign through the Navy's Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program.

"I was encouraged by an LDO at my last command to put in an application for LDO," said Forester who is currently onboard USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) based in San Diego, Calif. "After the

results were announced and I was not selected, I was encouraged to apply a second time. Fortunately, I was selected on my second attempt."

The native of Electra, Texas, said "The Limited Duty Officer program allows top notch First Class Petty Officers and Chief petty Officers with a minimum of 8 years, but no more than 16 years of active service, to apply for a commission as an Ensign." He went on to say "The program provides technical experts with proven leadership abilities the chance to compete for a commission without a college degree." As a technical expert in the Information Systems field, Forester said he will probably be working "as a division officer and an Electronic Key Management Custodian onboard a ship."

Forester said he expects to get his commission in June 2001 after a 5-week Officer Indoctrination Course.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

HUSSEIN SUPPORTS TERRORISM *By Associated Press*

The state department says Iraqi president Saddam Hussein is using his country's scarce resources to sponsor terrorist activities. Spokesman James Rubin says Iraq has spent millions building a military base for an Iranian opposition group known as the MEK, or the people's holy warriors. He says the group is thought to have enough tanks and artillery in Iraq to conduct raids, bombings and mortar attacks in Iran. The MEK denies Rubin's allegation, calling it an "absolute lie." Ironically, Rubin says Iraq's activities are going on even as Iranian officials are facilitating illicit Iraqi oil shipments through the Persian Gulf.

MR. GORE AHEAD IN NATIONAL POLL *By Associated Press*

Gov. George W. Bush appears to have lost his edge over Vice President Al Gore. In a poll conducted last week by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, 49 percent of the registered voters surveyed said they would vote for Mr. Gore in the general election.

NASA TO DESTROY OBSERVATORY *By John Noble Wilford*

After a three-month review of the risks of doing nothing, NASA engineers and scientists decided on the safest course for the crippled 17-ton Compton Gamma Ray Observatory. They plan to redirect it to make a suicidal plunge out of orbit and back toward Earth while they can still control its destructive fall.

The decision disappointed astronomers, who had hoped for a few more years of observations. But NASA officials feared that one more failure by navigation instruments would leave the huge \$670 million spacecraft uncontrollable, and that on its re-entry into the atmosphere it might scatter debris over populated areas.

Edward Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for science, announced that the Compton observatory's last day in orbit would be June 3, more than nine years after it was deployed by a space shuttle.

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MONDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1100 THE BEAUTICIAN AND
THE BEAST

1630 MAJOR LEAGUE 3
1800 RED DAWN

2000 DEEP END OF THE OCEAN

CHANNEL 6

1100 THE ADAMS FAMILY
1630 SNAKE EYES

1800 BLAST FROM THE PAST
2000 A THOUSAND ACRES

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

SPORTS

EXHIBITION BASEBALL SCORES

Atlanta 8	Pittsburgh 2
Houston 6	LA Dodgers 5
Cincinnati 5	Toronto 4
NY Yankees 19	Florida 0
St. Louis 4	Baltimore 1
Minnesota 2	Montreal 1
Boston 7	Texas 1
Tampa Bay 7	Kansas 3
Arizona 7	Colorado 6
Chicago (AL) 6	Milwaukee 5
San Diego 8	Anaheim 4
San Francisco (SS) 6	Oakland 0
Philadelphia 6	Detroit 3
San Francisco (SS) 9	Seattle 4

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCORES

Tenn. 77	UVA 56
Texas Tech 69	Notre Dame 65
Louisiana Tech 86	Old Dominion 74
Penn St. 66	Iowa St. 65
Georgia 83	N. Carolina 57
Rutgers 60	Ala. Birm. 45
LSU 79	Duke 66
Connecticut 102	Oklahoma 80

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

Wisconsin 64	Purdue 60
Michigan St. 75	Iowa St. 64

NHL SCORES:

New Jersey 8	NY Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 5	Atlanta 3
St. Louis 5	Tampa Bay 1
Dallas 5	Chicago 1
Vancouver 8	Anaheim 1
San Jose 5	Phoenix 1

HAL SUTTON MAINTAINS CONTROL *By Clifton Brown*

In almost every round at the Players Championship, adversity is unavoidable. Players who remain resilient have a chance to win. Players who succumb to frustration find themselves hopelessly behind. Hal Sutton reached a crucial crossroad midway through Friday's round, when back-to-back bogeys threatened to send him tumbling off the leader board.

Instead of collapsing, Sutton regrouped with three consecutive birdies. And at the midway point of a demanding tournament, Sutton remained the man to catch. Shooting his second consecutive 69, Sutton held a one-stroke lead at six under par for the tournament (138) after Friday's second round of the TPC at Sawgrass. Tom Lehman and Omar Uresti, both of whom shot 68, were tied for second place at five under par.

NBA SCORES:

Charlotte 102	Toronto 84
NY Knicks 95	Atlanta 83
Orlando 112	Houston 96
Miami 99	Milwaukee 87
Minnesota 116	New Jersey 115
Philadelphia 117	Boston 115
Chicago 70	Denver 68
Utah 98	Seattle 95
Sacramento 113	Detroit 103
LA Lakers 109	Phoenix 101
Portland 96	Golden State 83

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